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SUBJECT: REACTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS AND DEPUTY
SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA TO POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES AT DPC
MINISTERIAL

SUMMARY: SYG LUNS AND DSYG PANSA HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST THE US IN THE INTRODUCTION AND
SUBSEQUENT HANDLING OF ANY NATO INITIATIVES THE US PRESENTS
AT THE SUMMIT AND DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. END SUMMARY

1. ON APRIL 19 VISITING ASD(ISA) DAVID MCGIFFERT AND
SECDEF'S SPECIAL CONSULTANT ROBERT KOMER SPENT A HALF
HOUR WITH SYG LUNS, DSYG PANSA, AND THE CHIEF OF LUNS'
PRIVATE OFFICE, VAN CAMPEN. THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ALMOST
EXCLUSIVELY ON THE FORTHCOMING NATO SUMMIT AND DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETINGS.

2. LUNS AND PANSA PROMISED THEIR FULL SUPPORT OF OUR
EFFORT TO SCHEDULE THE RESTRICTED SESSION OF THE DPC
MINISTERIAL AS THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE
CONVENTIONAL OPENING STATEMENTS, AND SAID THEY FULLY
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UNDERSTAND THAT UNRESPONSIVE ALLIED REACTIONS TO
POSSIBLE US NATO INITIATIVES AT THE SUMMIT AND DPC
MINISTERIAL WOULD RISK DIMINISHING WASHINGTON'S CURRENT HIGH
INTEREST IN NATO. COMMENT: AT THE WEEKLY PERMREP LUNCH A
FEW HOURS LATER, PANSA CONVEYED BOTH THESE POINTS TO
PERMREPS. END COMMENT.

3. LUNS AND PANSA THOUGHT THAT THE US, POSSIBLY AT THE
SUMMIT AND CERTAINLY AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL, SHOULD

EXPRESS ITS SHARP DISAPPOINTMENT THAT ALLIES HAVE GENERALLY DONE SO LITTLE TO IMPROVE THEIR DEFENSES SINCE THE APPROVAL OF THE 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE TWO YEARS AGO. THEY BOTH HOPED THAT ANY US NATO INITIATIVE WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A SPECIAL LIMITED DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS EXERCISE SIMILAR TO THE AD-70 EFFORT SEVEN YEARS AGO, AND THAT ANY SUCH EXERCISE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON IMPLEMENTING CONCRETE MEASURES RATHER THAN ON STUDIES OF PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

4. BEFORE LEAVING THE DISCUSSION FOR A DEPARTURE FROM BRUSSELS HE HAD POSTPONED IN ORDER TO MEET WITH MESSRS. MCGIFFERT AND KOMER, LUNS OBSERVED THAT NATO PERMREPS WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT WASHINGTON'S DECISION TO CONSULT BILATERALLY IN WASHINGTON, INSTEAD OF AT NATO HEAD-QUARTERS, CONCERNING US TENTATIVE THINKING ON NATO INITIATIVES AT THE SUMMIT AND DPC MINISTERIAL.

5. AFTER LUNS' DEPARTURE, PANSA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THE DPC, RATHER THAN OUTSIDERS, FOR HANDLING ANY NATO INITIATIVES BY THE US THAT MIGHT SOON EMERGE. HE SAID HE WAS SURE LUNS WOULD HELP THE US MANAGE THE INTRODUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT HANDLING OF SUCH INITIATIVES PROVIDED THE US KEPT LUNS FULLY INFORMED OF WHAT IT WAS PLANNING AND HOW IT WANTED EVENTS TO DEVELOP. VAN CAMPEN CONCURRED.

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6. PANSA CLOSED BY SAYING THAT, AS US THINKING CRYSTALLIZED IN THE TWO OR THREE WEEKS AHEAD, USNATO COULD CONSIDER THAT IT HAD "OPEN LINES" FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH HIMSELF AND WITH MUMFORD, ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY.
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